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NEW PENSION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the detailed guidelines and modalities of the new pension scheme;

(b) whether employees on ad hoc/leave vacancies who have been regularized after 2004 get pay benefits from previous date of their appointment whereas they are denied other benefits available to regular employees from that date;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) the criteria followed for such employees in the matter of choice of pension scheme; and

(e) the steps taken to remove the anomalies in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI P. K. BANSAL)

(a) to (e) The new restructured defined contributory pension scheme is mandatory for all new Central Government recruits (except armed forces, in the first stage) with effect from 01-01-2004. The New Pension System (NPS) will be available, on a voluntary basis, to all persons including self-employed professionals and others in the unorganized sector.

The employees on ad-hoc/leave vacancies who have been regularized after 2004 will come under the purview of NPS.

However all the employees who entered into Central Government Service on or before 31-12-2003 and were governed by old pension scheme under the Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules, 1972 will continue to be governed by the same pension scheme and the same rules, if such employees submit technical resignation on or after 01-01-2004, to take up new appointment, in another Ministry or Department of the Central Government.

A High Level Task Force has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Personnel) to frame rules for personnel related issues such as qualifying service for pension etc.